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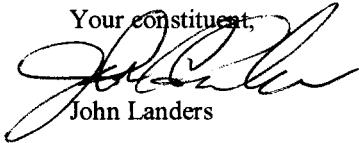
Dear Air Board:

I would like to take a moment to voice my support for the Potomac River Generating Station. I am just as concerned about pollution as any other person, but I realize that you can't have your cake and eat it too. The Mirant facility provides a necessary service to this area and does not deserve the treatment it is receiving. From voluntary shutdowns to address concerns to retrofitting overhauls to improve control, Mirant has consistently tried to show understanding and willingness to improve despite these venomous attacks.

It defies logic to say that Mirant has not sought better means of pollution control. They have reduced sulfur dioxide and nitrous oxide emissions by 64% and 24% respectively. Even the Environmental Protection Agency is of the opinion that it complies with all of the applicable rules. The plan to create "virtual stacks" by merging the boilers to fewer output sources has been deemed valid and environmentally sound. They do not even seek any assistance on the costs of this project, which I have heard quoted in the area of \$30 million. This does not sound like an enemy of the community.

I would like to strongly urge the Virginia Air Pollution Control Board and other opponents to look at this issue more honestly and realize how much this company has done. Ask yourselves if it is wise to risk brownouts and blackouts when attempts are being made to comply with your wishes. I could understand your position better if Mirant had an "I don't care" attitude. If you will be honest for just a moment, you will see that they do not.

Your constituent,



John Landers